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Re: Verification Sampling for Arsenic and Thallium in Test Area North Waste Area Group-1

Dear Ms. Hathaway:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the U.S. Department of Energy's proposal for verification sampling described in your letter of May 13, 2004. EPA concurs with the proposal.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (509) 376-3883.

Sincerely,


David R. Einan
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Matt Wilkening, EPA